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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Virgin, et al.)

Application No.: 10/626,834)

Filed: July 21, 2003)

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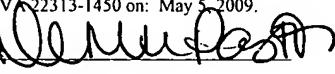
Examiner: L. Thomas

Art Unit: 2836

For: **LINE ARRANGEMENT FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OF VEHICLES**

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on January 7, 2009, for which a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time are being submitted concurrently herewith.

Summary

Claims 40, 41, 43-82, 84-86, and 88 are pending.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous and productive telephone interview held on March 31, 2009, details of which are set forth below.

Claims 40, 41, 43-82, 84-86, and 88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thrash (US 5,801,914) in view of Saito (US 6,243,018).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the following comments.